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Author and State Apiarist Tammy Horn to Sign Her Books at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, July 19, nationally known beekeeping author and new state apiarist Tammy Horn will talk with visitors and sign copies of her books from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Horn, of Lexington, is the author of “Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped a Nation” and “Beeconomy: What Women and Bees Can Teach Us About Local Trade and Global Markets,” and will be signing the books. Recently named to the post of state apiarist, Horn assumed her duties June 1.

As state apiarist, Horn’s job includes identifying and eradicating infectious disease in honeybee colonies. She will also help educate the public about the importance of honey bees, and offer best practice advice to the beekeeping community. Her job involves hive inspections and providing health certificates for the transport of bees out of state. Horn is currently president of the Kentucky Beekeepers Association.

Born in Harlan County, Horn has a bachelor’s degree from Berea College, a master’s degree from Ft. Hays State University and a doctorate from the University of Alabama.

Horn’s grandfather grew up hunting bee trees and passed this knowledge on to his granddaughter. Both her maternal and paternal grandparents kept bees on their properties in eastern Kentucky.

“The year I finished my Ph.D. was the year my grandfather introduced me to beekeeping, and my real education began,” Horn said.

Publishers Weekly has described Horn’s book, “Bees in America,” as “providing a wealth of worthy material about bees in America, from the use of the hive metaphor to justify colonization in the 1500s and 1600s, to bees’ role in pollinating the prairies and orchards that we now take for granted.”

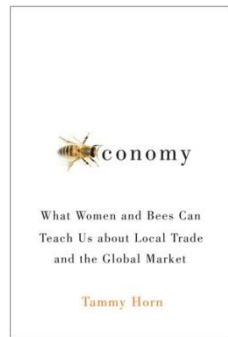
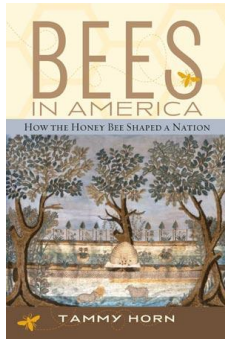
Horn’s second book, “Beeconomy: What Women and Bees Teach Us About Local Trade and Global Markets,” brings to light many overlooked heroines and histories from prehistoric times to today.

After writing “Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped America” (2005), Horn was named National Endowment for the Humanities Chair of Appalachian Studies at Berea College, where she researched and supervised a small honey bee monitoring project, Coal Country Beeworks. This project, which Horn then directed, develops pollinator habitat on surface mine sites and works to develop long-term beekeeping infrastructure in eastern Kentucky. While Horn works in her new position as state apiarist, the project will continue under the auspices of Eastern Kentucky University’s Center for Economic Development, Entrepreneurship and Technology.

Visitors can meet the author, get signed copies of her books and talk with Kentucky's new state apiarist about bees and beekeeping during the July 19 book signing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

The center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A gallery exhibit, "Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Sept. 6; and in the lobby, "Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration," is on display through Nov. 16. For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

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Photos, left to right: Books by Tammy Horn are available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea; Tammy Horn amongst her bee hives